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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A strip having a plurality of lamellae which are interconnected via a first connecting element, each lamella comprising two opposing lamella legs and having at least two openings extending transversely to the longitudinal axis of the strip, at least one second connecting element being formed between the openings wherein the second connecting element allows the strip to be compressed and/or extended towards

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